

**IN THE CLAIMS**

1. (Previously presented) A method comprising:  
  
receiving one of a Short Message Service, Enhanced Message Service,  
  
Multimedia Message service, and SyncML message;  
  
extracting a device identifier from the message; and  
  
applying the device identifier to determine a device status, including  
  
location information.
2. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:  
  
extracting an International Mobile Equipment Identity from the message.
3. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:  
  
setting network access permissions according to the device status for a  
  
device corresponding to the device identifier.
4. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:  
  
applying the device identifier to a deny database to determine the device  
  
status.
5. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:  
  
receiving the message via a Short Message Peer to Peer interface.

6. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:  
communicating the device status to a customer care facility.
7. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:  
extracting a subscriber identifier from the message;  
applying the subscriber identifier to identify subscriber services; and  
applying permissions for access to the subscriber services by the  
subscriber according to the device status.
8. (Original) The method of claim 7, further comprising:  
extracting at least one of an International Mobile Subscriber Identity and  
an Integrated Circuit Card ID from the message.
9. (Original) The method of claim 7, further comprising:  
applying the subscriber identifier to locate subscriber information.
10. (Previously presented) A network element comprising:  
logic to cause the processing of at least one of a Short Message Service,  
enhanced Message Service, Multimedia Message Service, and  
SyncML message to extract a device identifier from the message,  
and to apply the device identifier to determine a device status,  
including location information; and  
at least one processor to execute at least some of the logic.

11. (Original) The network element of claim 10, further comprising:  
logic to cause the setting of network access permissions for the device  
according to the device status.
12. (Currently Amended) The network element of claim 10, further comprising:  
logic to cause the extraction of an International Mobile Equipment Identity  
from the message.
13. (Original) The network element of claim 10, further comprising:  
logic to cause the applying of the device identifier to a deny database to  
determine the device status.
14. (Original) The network element of claim 10, further comprising:  
logic to cause the receiving of the message via a Short Message Peer to  
Peer interface.
15. (Original) The network element of claim 10, further comprising:  
logic to cause the communicating of device status to a customer care  
facility.
16. (Original) The network element of claim 10, further comprising:

logic to cause the extracting of a subscriber identifier from the message,  
the applying of the subscriber identifier to identify subscriber  
services, and the applying of permissions to the subscriber services  
according to the device status.

17. (Original) The network element of claim 16, further comprising:

subscriber identifier is at least one of International Mobile Subscriber  
Identity and Integrated Circuit Card ID.

18. (Original) The network element of claim 16, further comprising:

logic to cause the applying of the device identifier to a deny database to  
determine the device status.

19. (Previously presented) A communication arrangement comprising:

a Short Message Service Center (SMSC);  
a permissions facility; and  
a network element configured to receive a Short Message Service message  
from a device via the SMSC, extract a device identifier from the  
message, apply the device identifier to locate device status  
information including location information, and interact with the  
permissions facility to determine permissions to apply to service  
requests originating from the device.

20. (Original) The communication arrangement of claim 19, further comprising:  
the network element further configured to extract a subscriber identifier  
from the message and apply the subscriber identifier to determine  
subscriber services.
21. (Original) The communication arrangement of claim 19, further comprising:  
the network element further configured to extract an International Mobile  
Equipment Identity from the message.
22. (Original) The communication arrangement of claim 20, further comprising:  
the network element further configured to extract at least one of  
International Mobile Subscriber Identity and Integrated Circuit  
Card ID from the message.
23. (Original) The communication arrangement of claim 19, further comprising:  
the network element comprising a deny database, the deny database  
comprising device status information.